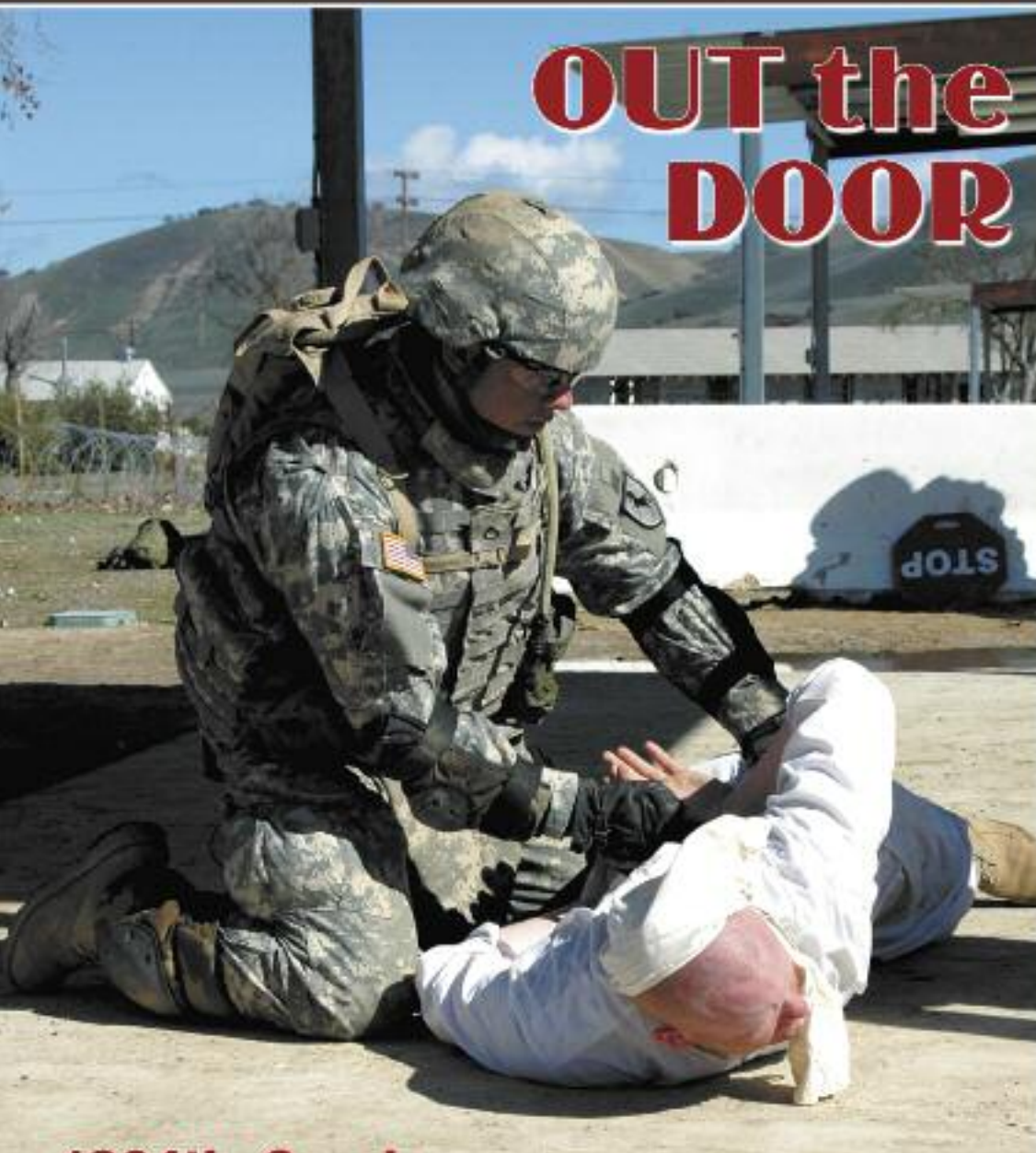




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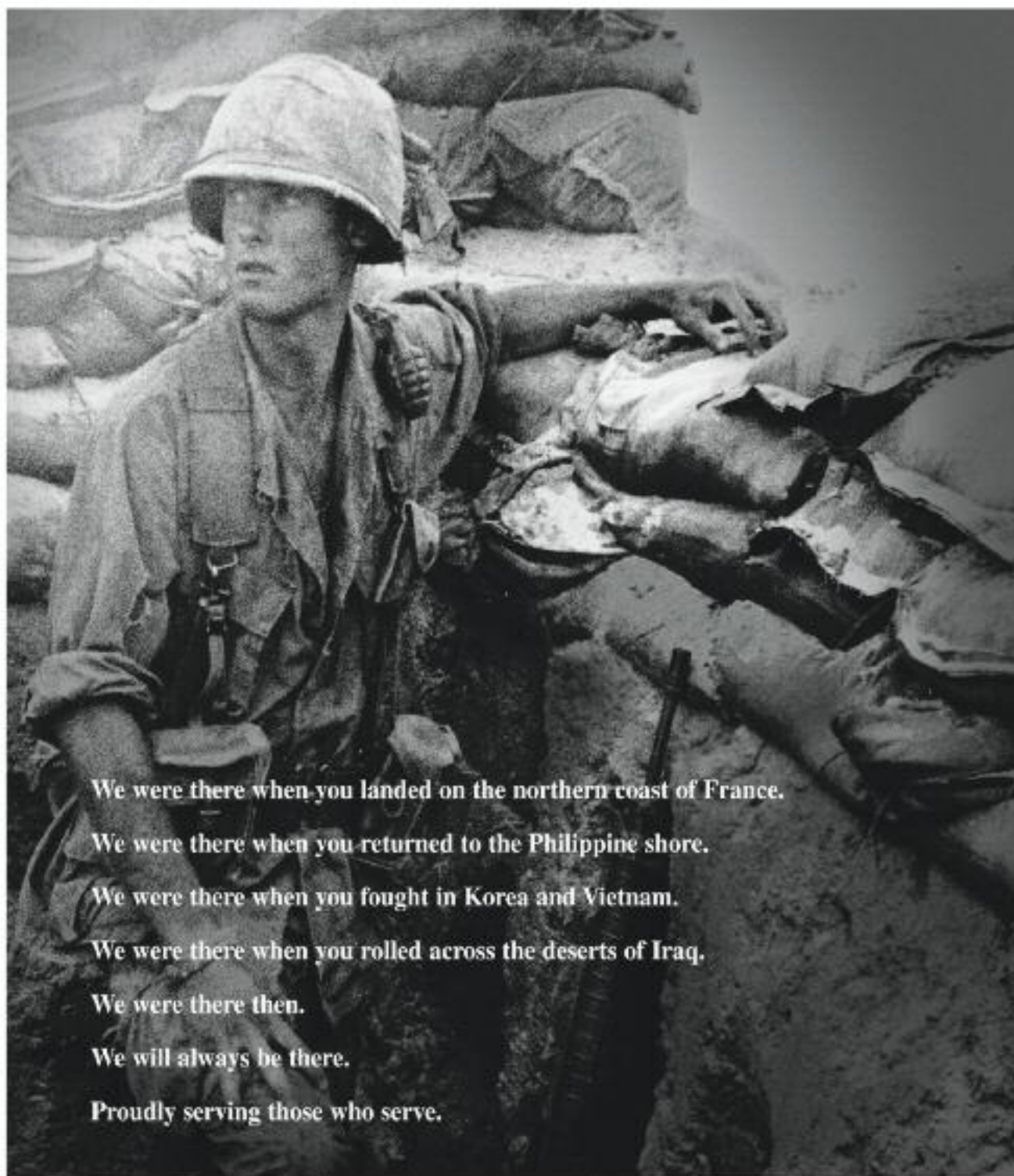
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ON THE COVER: Pfc. David Laughlin of Yerington's L Troop worked on his security techniques at Camp Roberts, Calif., in February as the 1/221st Cavalry prepared for deployment to Afghanistan. Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

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FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Major General Cindy Kirkland

Farewell to all! It's been a great ride

When I enlisted in the U.S. Navy more than 36 years ago, I could not envision where my military journey might lead me.

As a young enlisted seaman, I traveled the globe and lived up to the Navy motto, *"It's not just a job, it's an adventure."* When I left the Navy four years later, after earning the GI Bill, I thought that was the end of my military career.

Little did I know, my journey was far from over.

Within five years, I succumbed to pressure from co-workers at the Veterans Administration and joined the Nevada Air Guard. My supervisor at the time was then-Tech. Sgt. Cindy Sullivan. She mentored me along the way and was instrumental in pushing me toward a commission when the opportunity arose.

The rest, as they say, is history.

I learned many things along the way. The most important lesson I learned is that we are privileged to belong to one of the greatest organizations in the nation. The dedicated, talented and amazing men and women who serve in our ranks have put Nevada on the map.

Another lesson I will share with you is the adage, "You never know when an incredible opportunity will present itself."

Years ago, I heard a quote by equal-rights crusader Whitney Young, Jr., and I've tried to apply its message to my career: "It's better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared."

I believe in that simple philosophy and made it a priority to complete my professional military education. With that in mind, I strongly recommend that everyone pursue every educational and leadership opportunity that may arise.

There are many challenges this organization will face over the next several years. These issues will require focused, ethical leadership to lead the Nevada Guard through its future obstacles and hurdles. I am confident everyone will continue to demand the very best of yourself and your leaders and ensure that the Nevada Guard emerges stronger than ever in future years.

I will continue to play a Nevada National Guard role, albeit from afar. As the National



Guard Association of the United States vice chairman, I will continue to interact and represent you in my role at the national level in Washington. If there is an issue or concern I can bring to the attention of our national leaders, please know that you can

forward them to me, and I will voice them to our leaders.

It has been an incredible honor and privilege to serve as your commander for the past three years. Together, we fought and avoided a base realignment and closure recommendation, saw the Army Guard's strength grow by 30 percent, activated the first Air Guard Predator unit at Creech Air Force Base, opened the state-of-the-art intelligence facility in Reno and significantly expanded our role in domestic operations.

We accomplished all of this and much more because of the dedicated, professional soldiers and airmen who serve in our ranks. I salute all of you and look forward to keeping tabs on your progress and achievements as you continue to serve this state and nation.

It's sincerely been a distinct honor to serve with every one of you. What a journey it's been!

Maj. Gen. Kirkland is set to retire in June. ■

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FROM THE STATE COMMAND CHIEF

Command Chief Master Sergeant John Ternau

Retirement a time for thanks, not goodbye

How does one say goodbye? How does one say goodbye to a life you have known for more than 40 years and, more importantly, how does one say goodbye to friends, peers and mentors?

With my retirement looming, I have struggled with these thoughts for more than two months, and now there is a deadline demanding I find the right words to say goodbye. I have put what I thought were the right words to paper many times, but each time it didn't feel right.

Driving home the other night after the editor of this magazine threatened to fill this space with sports photos, the right words finally struck me — one doesn't say goodbye at all, one says thank you!

One says thank you for the opportunity to prosper with a secure job to raise a family. One says thank you for the all-expense paid trips around the world. Thank you for the college education. Special thanks to all the friends you have made around the world and this great country we live in. Thank you for the privilege of being a Nevada National Guardsman.

Thanks to a secure job, my wonderful family has prospered. My son Aaron and daughter Lacy are adults and doing well thanks to the Guard and what it has provided. My wife Margo and I are comfortable with our lives as well. This immediate family has also become a part of the extended Guard family. It is because of them and the support they provided that I have been able to accomplish a great deal.

It has been a great opportunity to see the world. Not only the United States but South and Central America as well in countries like Panama, Ecuador, and Nicaragua. I have been on missions to Norway, Denmark, Germany, Italy and many other countries on trips I will not forget. And, of course, I can't forget travels to Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, and Iraq in support of the National Guard missions. I wouldn't give up any of those experiences.

A big thank you is due for my education. Without the Guard and the state educational assistance program, I would not have a college education. I say jump into this education pool if you haven't before; the



feeling is refreshing and it will assist you wherever life leads you. Whether it is college or the military education system, the key to success is education.

I reserve a special thanks to all of the friends I made at home and around the world because every one of them is truly

special. Without friendships and interpersonal relationships, no one can truly reach their ultimate personal and work goals. I have had the opportunity to meet people, move on, and then see and work with them again in some remote place like Curaçao, Ecuador, or back here in the United States. My friends here certainly hold a special place in my heart because they are the ones who supported me every day when I was home and supported my wife and children when I was away.

Finally, I am thankful for the privilege to be a member of the Nevada National Guard and U.S. Air Force. It is a privilege to work beside the finest men and women in the world. The professionalism, dedication to duty, and friendship of everyone I have met has been my fuel to keep me going for the last 40 years and it will continue to be so.

That is why I won't say goodbye; instead I will see you next week, next month, or next year. I am, more importantly, saying thank you!

Command Chief Master Sgt. John Ternau is set to retire in June. Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry will succeed Ternau. ■

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STEAD – A U.S. Marines Osprey V-22 makes a rare landing in northern Nevada at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Washoe County for a 'hot' refueling stop supported by the Nevada Army Guard in late fall 2008. Hot refueling entails fueling the aircraft without shutting down the Osprey's engines. The petroleum specialists in Echo Company, 1/189th Aviation, provide regular support to all branches of the U.S. military that train in northern Nevada, including support for the Army's petroleum-specialist school located in Herlong, Calif. Inset, Sgt. Adam Seelye, an aircraft fuel handler from Echo Company, performs the refueling on the Osprey based out of Cherry Point, N.C. Photos: Sgt. Mike Getten



CARSON CITY – The new, high-tech entrance to the Office of The Adjutant General complex opened in April. At a cost of about \$1 million, the multi-lane entrance features automatic gates and special lanes. Drivers who possess National Guard employee identification badges are able to use the card reader lanes for access into the complex. The new building promises to protect and shield guards from the elements and improve communications with other security personnel. Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten

FORT KNOX, Ky. – The 1/221st Cavalry is set to gain a very promising soldier as Pfc. Mitchell Hammond swept all of the major awards for his company during his advanced individual training at the U.S. Armor Center. The Carson City resident won the Draper Leadership Award, the Excellence in Armor Award, and the High Marksmanship Award for his company. Hammond's precise shooting also gave him the expert marksmanship badge for the M16-A4 rifle as he hit 38 of 40 shots.

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Caponi, the Fort Knox Draper Award custodian, said it's unusual to have a soldier win all three awards.

"Hammond went above the rest and stood out. Only about 10 percent of the companies have one soldier receive all three awards," Caponi said.

In fact, Hammond's feat was so extraordinary that the Fort Knox newspaper wrote a feature article about his achievements at the U.S. Armor Center in March. Photo: Catrina Francis, Fort Knox Turret





BAGHDAD – Chief Master Sgt. Ken Gray, inset and front left below, leads his team in loading a patient for an evacuation on a UH-60 Black Hawk dust-off. For more on small unit deployments see “Individual, small-unit deployments” on page 17.

Photos: Courtesy of Chief Master Sgt. Gray



KYRGYZSTAN – A young boy shows off his soccer skills to Staff Sgt. Milbert Bourgeois and another friend at the Belovodosky orphanage north of Bishkek in February. Airmen from nearby Manas Air Base visit the orphanage frequently to share friendship and donated toys, as well as clothing, blankets, diapers and toiletries. There are more than 265 disabled children in the orphanage between the ages of 4 and 18. Bourgeois is a Nevada Air National Guardsman deployed with the 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

Photo: Tech. Sgt. Phyllis Hanson

RENO – Soldiers in Nevada’s Army National Guard 3/140th Detachment B1 Security and Support unit load their OH-58 Kiowa aircraft into a C-5 Galaxy for the flight to Hawaii March 21 for a joint training exercise with units from four states.

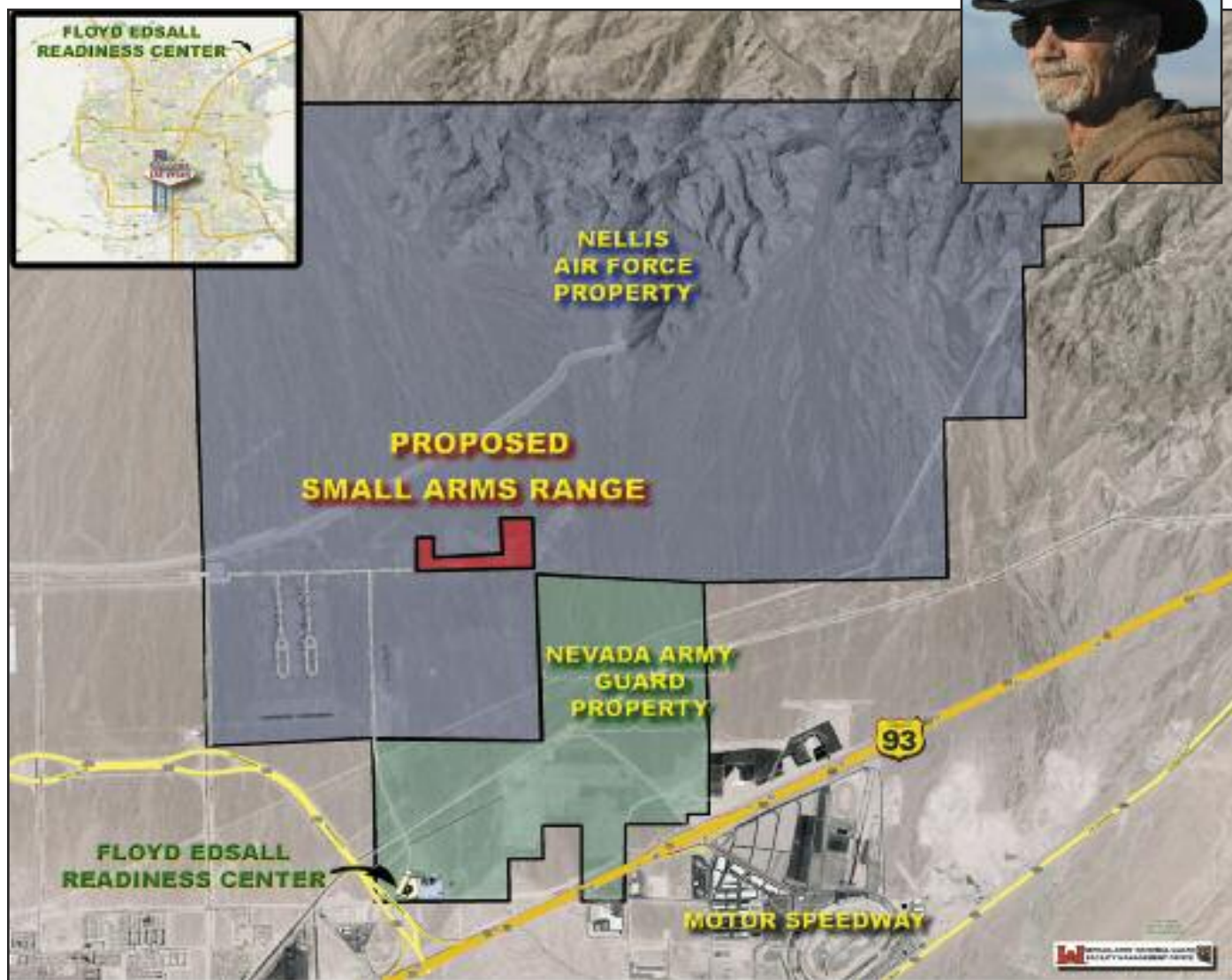
The exercise was planned and prepared by the unit’s 1st Detachment from California. Soldiers taking part in the exercise underwent dunk training with the U.S. Marines before the load-out. The flight crew came from the Air Force Reserve, and the Nevada Air Guard provided ground support to get the aircraft loaded. The exercise included soldiers from Nevada, Montana, California and Hawaii.

The exercise marked the first time the Nevada detachment participated in a training exercise outside of the continental United States. Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten



Officials aim for new ranges

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs



LAS VEGAS – Just a few scant weeks before they were scheduled to deploy abroad for a year, Nevada Army Guard soldiers in the 1/221st Cavalry Squadron and the 1864th Transportation Company were in Camp Roberts, Calif., for an extended period of time completing prerequisite small-arms training hundreds of miles away from their family and friends.

This unfortunate scenario stems from the blunt fact there currently are not sufficient range resources in southern Nevada to allow large units to complete pre-deployment training at home, and it underscores the fact that the state's one Standard Army Qualification Range near Fallon no longer suffices for the training needs of the growing 3,000-soldier Nevada Army Guard.

Nevada Guard Land and Range Office officials are aiming to alleviate the shortage of ranges in the near future with the plan to create multiple ranges near the Edsall Armory (aka Clark County Armory) in Las Vegas in a cooperative effort with Nellis Air Force Base. If the results of the environmental assessments remain positive, the first of the four ranges is likely to be completed in 2011.

"When these ranges are complete, our soldiers will no longer have to travel 300 miles to complete their required pre-deployment training," said Land and Range manager John Manfredi. "They will be able to train to Army standard right here in southern Nevada."

Three stages of the range project are in the works. Phase I is set to include a rifle and machine gun zero range; Phase II will include

a combat pistol qualification course and modified record fire range; and Phase III plans include a multipurpose machine gun range.

If all goes to plan, Phase I construction will begin in winter 2010. Phase II construction will begin a year later. Total cost for the two phases is estimated to be about \$7.25 million. ■

Land and Range manager John Manfredi, inset, surveys the 67-acre parcel of land near the Edsall Armory likely to become Nevada National Guard small arms ranges. Manfredi hopes the new ranges will alleviate the Nevada Guard small-arms range shortage in the future and allow deploying soldiers and airmen to remain in their home state for pre-deployment training.



Readers deliver opinions, recommendations

By Capt. April Conway, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

We received constructive criticism. We heard strong opinions and heartfelt recommendations. And we even landed a few compliments.

When we requested participation in our recent reader survey, the readers of *Battle Born* really delivered. Now concluded, the *Battle Born* staff received dozens of completed surveys to the questionnaire that was originally posted in October 2008.

As might be expected, many responders requested more coverage for a specific unit or squadron. I assure you we are attempting to do our best and cover as many units within the state. There are certain organizations we know we need to cover better. One of those is the signal battalion and, toward that goal, we aim to embed one of our staff during the signal battalion's annual training this year.

Sometimes it's true that the squeaky wheel gets the grease. If you haven't seen your unit, battalion or squadron covered lately, write or call us and tell us about the newsworthy things you and your fellow soldiers or airmen are doing. Snap a photo or write us a paragraph, and we'll make every effort to get your picture or snippet into the magazine.

Another recommendation for our staff was to improve coverage of deployed units. Although the cliché, "out of sight, out of mind," may be true in some cases, we do try to keep tabs on each deployed unit around the world. Admittedly, the time differences, transitory nature of the units, and varied communication abilities make reporting on deployed units difficult.

I recommend that if you are set to deploy, volunteer to be your unit public affairs representative and keep in touch with the state public affairs office during your deployment. You will guarantee your unit or

squadron great coverage in *Battle Born*!

Also, we received some inquiries about the use of the Associated Press style in the magazine. Associated Press style does not capitalize Soldiers, Airmen or Family, a fact people often point out to our staff.

We use Associated Press because *Battle Born* goes out to a wide audience including retirees, legislators, civilian media and, we trust, your family and friends. Associated Press style is the industry standard and, for now, we believe that style is the most appropriate for broad readership.

We have printed *Battle Born* magazine for two years now with the goal of shaping it into a worthwhile informative and educational tool for all of our soldiers and airmen, civilian employers, elected leadership and families. We trust we are on that path. As the magazine continues to evolve, I hope you will feel free to write or call me with your comments and feedback – or just call me with a good scoop for the *Battle Born* staff.

Contact Capt. April Conway at (775) 887-7250 or april.conway@ang.af.mil. ■

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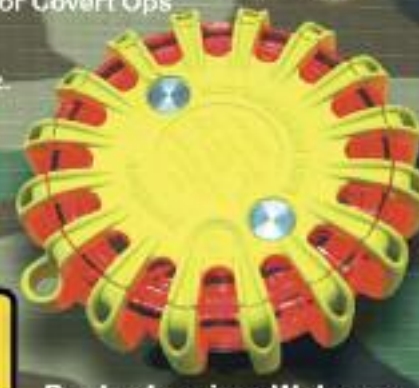
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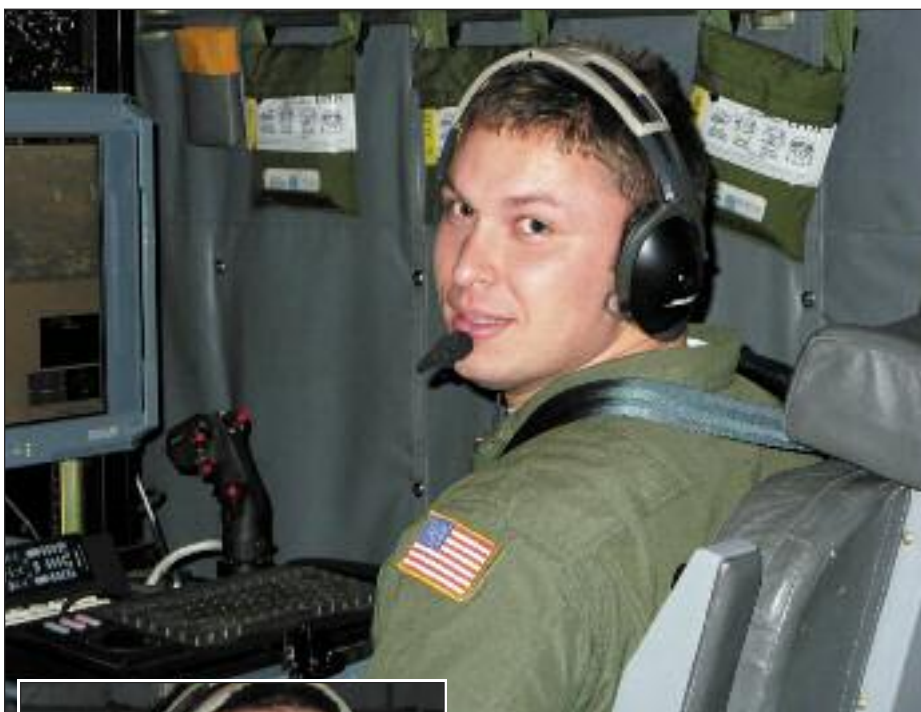
RENO – The Nevada and Mississippi Air Guard have partnered with the active duty Air Force for Project Liberty, a two-year program designed to increase intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities for Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Project Liberty will train approximately 1,000 students, including pilots and sensor and systems operators in support of ISR operations aboard MC-12 aircraft at the 186th Air Refueling Wing in Meridian, Miss. The Mississippi Guard unit was part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process and had been scheduled to close in 2011, but the new program could breathe new life into their unit.

The platform is a modified C-12 Huron, a lightweight, twin-turboprop aircraft, designated as MC-12W for Project Liberty. It has a specialized crew of four, including a flight crew of two, and is the Air Force's newest manned ISR platform. The C-12 was previously chosen by U.S. Army for use as intelligence-gathering aircraft.

For Nevada's High Rollers, Project Liberty means an expansion of the 152nd Intelligence Squadron's mission. The program allows squadron members to train active duty airmen for four weeks in Reno on its Scathe View camera system, which is similar to the camera system airmen will use on the MC-12. The unique Scathe View system includes advanced electro-optical and infrared sensors mounted on the 152nd Airlift Wing's C-130 Hercules. It provides real-time visible and thermal imagery, including full-motion video. A modified, roughly half-size version of the camera system will be used on the MC-12.

The first class consisted of seven Meridian airmen. Subsequent classes have



Staff Sgt. Lewis Dix, above, and Master Sgt. Jeff Best, left, of the 152nd Intelligence Squadron prepare for an evening flight with Project Liberty students in January.

included a handful of Guard members, but mostly active duty troops retraining into Project Liberty sensor operator positions.

Expertise and experience with Scathe View, used in combat operations since 2003, made the High Rollers a perfect choice for the new ISR training regimen. The unit was asked to take part in the program in December, moved quickly to set up a training plan for its first class in January, and has the capacity for 104 students in fiscal year 2009. About 40 airmen at the Reno base, including aircrew, aircraft maintenance, life support and others, are dedicated to the project and on active duty orders to support the training.

"The war is shifting to ISR," said Senior Master Sgt. Craig Madole, 152nd IS coordinator for Project Liberty, "and using fewer bombs. Our focus is to get this capability operational and to the desert ASAP."

Reno-based C-130 pilot Maj. Allan Renwick agreed. "The mission is more

about supporting the Army guys and providing the best situational awareness to troops on the ground."

Renwick added that Project Liberty has another benefit for the Nevada Air Guard members and their families. "After five years of rotations [deployments], this will keep our guys on active duty at home."

The seven boom operators assigned to the Mississippi refueling wing who made up the first Reno class became instructors for the second phase at their home base in Meridian. Follow-on classes continue the cycle of the four-week course in Reno followed by phase two in Mississippi.

The Nevada training includes classroom instruction three days a week and five C-130 flights. On a recent flight, four of the students took turns at the Scathe View console as a scenario played out on the ground. Nevada intel airmen acted as both bad guys and friendly forces on the ground.

From the sky, instructors Master Sgt. Jeff Best and Staff Sgt. Lewis Dix helped the students learn to read the terrain below as well as to pick up the nuances of controlling the cameras with what looks like a flight stick. With the C-130 at 15,000 feet, the exercise required each student to locate a suspect vehicle, then observe and report to forces on the ground.

With years of experience in the U.S. Central Command theater of operations, Madole said the training scenarios developed here locally are as realistic as they can make them. From identifying static vehicles on the ground to watching bad guys carrying fake rifles and digging as if planting an improvised explosive device, the training includes many details the students should be able to discern and pass on to friendly forces.

"We look for sites to set up ground simulations as if in theater," Madole said. Nevada's vast desert environment and mountainous regions, similar to that of Iraq and Afghanistan, add to the realism.

Master Sgt. Glenn Hancock, a student in the initial class, praised the training and looks forward to the coordination between the two Guard units.

"It's been a great working relationship," Hancock said. "We're in this together."

Nevada Air Guard officials hope to continue being part of Project Liberty into the next fiscal year. ■



Tech. Sgt. Tim Garrison and Master Sgt. Glenn Hancock of the Mississippi Guard's 186th Air Refueling Wing get hands-on ISR training on the Scathe View system aboard a Reno-based C-130.

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JEC provides conduit to express views, voice opinions

By Sgt. Mike Getten, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs, with contributions by Capt. Melissa Buschette and Sgt. Cheri Cramutolo

CARSON CITY – Junior enlisted service members in the Nevada National Guard have a voice in the policy making decisions of the command here. That voice is in the form of their respective services' Junior Enlisted Council. Although there are some minor differences, both the Army and Air Guard councils have the same basic structure and purpose.

"The purpose of the JEC is to gather and disseminate information to all of the Nevada National Guardsmen," said outgoing Army Guard JEC Vice President Sgt. Stephanie King. "We discuss the issues presented to us by the soldiers, how those issues affect them, and the various issues which may have arisen because of them. Then we find a solution to effect policy changes to resolve those issues."

The JEC was established to advise the state command sergeant major and the state command chief master sergeant on enlisted force matters including, but not limited to, morale, welfare and esprit de corps of the Nevada National Guard.

"The JEC provides a place to ask questions in an informal atmosphere where there will not be any sort of repercussions and for the airmen to just get answers. It is an open forum for discussion regardless of rank," said Air Guard JEC President Senior Airman Jose Escobar of the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"The JEC provides me with an excellent communication tool," State Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Sitton said. "It gives me the opportunity to talk directly to the junior enlisted. When information is put out, there is always the chance that some of it will get lost in the translation. The JEC acts as a form of continuity; it ensures the message I put out to senior leaders is the same and is understood throughout the chain."

"The JEC is important to me because it is easy for a sergeant first class to make decisions and know what is good for the Army, but I want to hear what the junior enlisted have to say."

Staff Sgt. Kimberly Boeckman, the JEC president from Joint Force Headquarters, said there are no subject limitations at council meetings.

"Any topic that is brought to the JEC is looked at and considered," she said. "It may not immediately produce a change, but if



Junior Enlisted Council presidents Senior Airman Jose Escobar of the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, left, and Staff Sgt. Kimberly Boeckman of Joint Force Headquarters met at the Nevada Air National Guard base in Reno March 16. The two senior JEC representatives discussed plans for future collaboration in team building activities and the possibility of a joint meeting between the Army and Air councils. Escobar lives in Las Vegas, and Boeckman is a resident of Carson City. Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten

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enough junior enlisted share the same views, you can bet the senior leaders will be looking at it closely."

A good example of a regulation change the JEC effected is the wear of the patrol cap versus the beret.

"We now wear the patrol cap seven months out of the year. This decision was influenced by a questionnaire the JEC sent out to the units, 'Beret versus Patrol Caps, which do you prefer and why?'" Boeckman said.

Outgoing JEC President Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Baker of the 152nd said the council is currently very active.

"At the air base, the JEC is conducting several sub-programs to boost the morale and welfare of the airmen, including the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program," he said. "The JEC has recruited a roster of

volunteers who answer the call of stranded airmen when needed.

"The JEC also organized a hangar party last summer for the entire squadron. These are just a couple of the programs which the JEC has taken part in. We have an advantage here in that we are almost all located in a single location."

State Command Chief Master Sgt. John Ternau said it's important for the enlisted corps to use its collective voice through the JEC and other means.

"You don't create change unless you get in there and join these organizations, and that's what they are there for, to effect change and have your voice heard. Whether it's JEC or any of the organizations, they are in existence to give you a vehicle to voice your opinion and effect that change and that's what it's all about." ■

Cav and 1864th ready for international deployments

Twenty percent of state's soldiers to deploy

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif. — The 1/221st Cavalry Squadron was one of the first Army organizations to provide security for an active-duty air base in the wake of 9/11.

The 1864th Transportation Company, its unit designation based on the year Nevada became a state, convoyed cargo more than 3.5 million miles in Kuwait and Iraq during its 15-month deployment that began in August 2004 and made national headlines when it appropriately returned to the state on Nevada Day 2005.

The 1/221st was the first squadron requested to fill in for the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at the National Training Center when the active-duty cavalry deployed from 2004-2006.

Undeniably, the Nevada Army Guard's 1/221st Cavalry and 1864th Transportation Company have written many memorable chapters in Nevada National Guard history. Now they are prepared to record their magnum opus, however, as they participate in the largest international deployment by Nevada Guardsmen since World War II. More than 600 Nevada soldiers — about 20 percent of the state's total Army Guard force — are set to deploy to Afghanistan and Iraq with the two units.

Both the 1/221st and 1864th are on similar timelines for departure. Both conducted pre-deployment training at Camp Roberts, Calif., in February and March, held deployment ceremonies during April, and then headed out for Camp Atterbury, Ind., for a final domestic training period before traveling abroad. Both the Cav and 1864th should arrive in Afghanistan and Iraq respectively sometime in June and remain in-country for about 10 months.

"Soldiers have gone before me; now it is my time to contribute," said 1/221st Cavalry 1st Lt. Daniel Barraza with a sentiment that was often echoed during pre-deployment



Spc. Jacob Melendrez leads his squad during Military Operation on Urban Terrain training at Camp Roberts, Calif., on February 9. Cav soldiers focused on Army Warrior Tasks and battle drills during their three weeks at Camp Roberts in February in preparation for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

During their upcoming deployment, soldiers in the 1864th will transport heavy items using M1070 Truck Tractors and M1000 Heavy Equipment Transporter semi-trailers. That heavy equipment transporter system is seen here when 1864th soldiers transported a Bradley Fighting Vehicle to the Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade in November 2008. Photo: Capt. Derek Imig



training. "This is my first participation in a big mobilization, and I'm looking forward to the mission."

The majority of the 1/221st soldiers are set to form security force platoons for 12 provincial reconstruction teams throughout Afghanistan. The remainder of the troops will manage and provide oversight of a forward operating base, and others will assist at a nearby air base.

The 1864th is slated to perform two primary missions – some of its soldiers will work on heavy equipment transport, and the balance of the troops will provide convoy security.



Sgt. 1st Class David Natividad, a training assistant at Camp Roberts, Calif., marks the 1/221st's stay at the camp by painting the squadron's logo on a commemorative rock. The cavalry squadron also has commemorative paintings of its logo at the Edsall Armory in Las Vegas, Fort Irwin, Calif., and Camp Virginia, Kuwait.

This mission differs slightly from the unit's 2004 task of transporting dry cargo, ammunition and equipment throughout southwest Asia. Instead of driving its assigned M915A3 truck tractors, 1864th commander Capt. Derek Imig said the unit will use the Army's Heavy Equipment Transporter system that includes M1070 Truck Tractors and M1000 Heavy Equipment Transporter semi-trailers. Because Nevada does not field that equipment, the vehicles with which the 1864th has been training in recent months was borrowed from neighboring states.

The HET equipment is capable of carrying up to 70 tons and is often used to transport tanks, tracked and wheeled vehicles to and from the battlefield.

The soldiers participating in the security mission will accompany convoys on either Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles or M1114 Up-armored Humvees.

"For the most part, our soldiers have been assigned to the mission they have requested," said Imig, who served as a platoon leader on the 1864th's 2004-2005 deployment.

Although the majority of the 1/221st will be Nevada Army Guard soldiers, other states and a territory will support the squadron. More than 200 soldiers from Georgia, Arizona, Arkansas and Guam will round out the squadron, whose core consists of about 450 1/221st troops. Some Individual Ready Reserve soldiers will also join the contingent.

There will be precious little leisure time for anyone during the deployments. The soldiers in the security platoons will be responsible for the safety of provincial reconstruction teams in 12 Afghani provinces. These teams usually consist of diplomats and reconstruction officials including agricultural and engineering experts whose primary goal is to stabilize and develop their respective regions.

The soldiers at the forward operating base will oversee the province's contractors and ensure stability through various security activities.

"The unit overseeing the province's contractors will have its own budget and will have an opportunity to improve the infrastructure in the region," said Maj. Kurt Neddenriep, executive officer of the 1/221st Cavalry. "Some projects are likely to include the construction of school facilities and new water wells."

At Camp Roberts, the units focused on prerequisite Army Warrior Tasks and battle drills, including reacting to direct and indirect fire, vehicle and individual search techniques and squad-designated marksmanship training. Once at Camp Atterbury, the units shifted their focus to collective-soldier tasks.

"All of our training is critical at this point," said Spc. Teon Thomas, 23, of Kilo Troop out of Las Vegas. "Everybody needs to learn everyone else's job. If everyone is properly ready, I'm confident we will come back as a team." ■



The top marksmen in the 1/221st Cavalry train during the squad-designated marksmanship training on February 11 at Camp Roberts, Calif. The soldiers were firing M-4 rifles, which are more compact than M-16 rifles. Although the M-4 is considered less accurate than an M-16 because of its shorter barrel, the soldiers were consistently hitting targets placed at 500 meters.

UNDER THE RADAR DEPLOYMENTS

*Often overlooked,
individual
and small-unit
deployments
contribute to
war fight*



Staff Sgt. Derek Castro of the Embedded Training Team patrols near his firebase in northeastern Afghanistan on January 13. Photo: Courtesy Staff Sgt. Castro



Tech. Sgt. Daphne Dominguez and Master Sgt. Randolph Moorhous of the 152nd Logistics Squadron work together in Djibouti, Africa, on an expeditionary combat support deployment. Photo: Courtesy Master Sgt. Randolph Moorhous

By Sgt. Mike Getten, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs, with contributions to this report by Capt. Melissa Buschette

CARSON CITY — Since the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism, the entire state has taken notice when large units deploy. Less visible have been soldiers and airmen from every corner of the state who deploy as individuals or as members of a small unit.

When the numbers are tallied, the total of soldiers and airmen participating in individual and small-unit deployments actually equates to a large company or squadron. And even though these soldiers and airmen have deployed in a stealthy manner, their contribution is important to the war effort.

Here is a brief rundown of some of the individual and small-element deployments.

As of early April, Nevada's Air Guard had 161 airmen activated; 143 are serving domestically, with 18 serving in the Middle East and Africa. Some of these deployments are characterized as expeditionary combat support deployments. ECS deployments have an important role in the Air Force's Agile Combat Support system that allows for timely and flexible operational support around the globe.

The majority of the deployments are set for six months, but some run longer.

Many of Nevada's airmen, such as 1st Lt. John Brownell, 152nd Logistics Squadron, have previous deployment experience.

"This is my fourth tour — the first was for 30 days, the second for 365 days, the third for 188 days, and this one is for 179 days," Brownell said via e-mail from Afghanistan.

Six airmen are serving in Afghanistan supporting operations in logistics, medical, air transportation, operations and maintenance. Eight more are serving in Iraq sharing their expertise in fire fighting support, medical and traffic management. Two airmen — one is a medical specialist and another is a fuels specialist — are in Qatar, and two airmen are in Djibouti, Africa.

Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Gray is one of the eight airmen in Iraq, where he is performing expeditionary medical support at Sather Air Base in Baghdad.

Via a recent e-mail, he shared an anecdote that revealed his humor is intact despite the fact he's experiencing severe conditions.

"On March 9, we had a pretty good sand storm," Gray recalled. "During the night it started to rain — it literally rained mud. It was miserable."

One fuel-support specialist is currently serving in New Hampshire, and two airmen from the 152nd Intelligence Squadron are deployed to Arkansas. The balance of the deployed airmen are serving in Nevada providing support in a number of specialties including intelligence, flight, maintenance and other missions.

"Volunteering for these deployments makes me a better-rounded person, and I can bring my experience to the Guard," said Master Sgt. Randolph Moorhous of the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The Nevada Army National Guard had 80 soldiers serving individual or small-group deployments as of early April — 10 are serving in the United States, and 70 are serving in the Middle East. The 1/168th Medical Evacuation unit has 54 soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

In addition to the 54 aviation troops, there are 14 others in Afghanistan. Thirteen belong to the Embedded Training Team and one is from the 1/221st Cavalry. Two soldiers are serving in Iraq — one serves in a public affairs unit, and the other is a military policeman.

"I love the mission. This deployment is everything I expected and then some," said Staff Sgt. Derek Castro of the Embedded Training Team while home on leave in Carson City on March 24. "We are working as a police mentor team helping to establish a police department for the local community.

"The culture is beautiful, the area is beautiful and the locals respond very well to us. We have a great working relationship with them. There is a lot of hands-on so we get to work directly with them in their environment."

The 10 soldiers in the states are scattered from coast to coast as well. California, Washington, Indiana, Texas, North Carolina and Virginia all host soldiers from Nevada.

Many Nevada Guardsmen said they developed new opinions as a result of their deployment experiences.

"Since the start of the war, I've changed a lot," Brownell said. "I've found myself more interested in world politics. I've seen firsthand that the decisions we make in America don't just affect Americans; those decisions affect everyone. It's made me encourage more people to be more informed and involved."

"I have a new view on life," said Tech. Sgt. Daphne Dominguez of the 152nd Logistics Squadron via e-mail from Djibouti. "I definitely have an appreciation for our country, and I realize that I am fortunate to have what I have at home." ■

DEPLOYMENT ROUNDUP



Staff Sgt. Dave Cornell, Nevada Army Guard's 1/168th MEDEVAC, mans the tag line to prevent the patient evacuation litter from spinning during hoist operations. This photo was taken during the unit's first hoist mission in Afghanistan. Photo: Courtesy Jonathan Saruk

1/168th MEDEVAC assists civilians in Afghanistan

*By Lt. Col. Terry Conder and Sgt. Mike Getten
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs*

CARSON CITY – Soldiers in the Nevada Army Guard's C Company, 1/168th Aviation (MEDEVAC), arrived in Afghanistan in December 2008, and after four months report humanitarian missions are a huge part of their daily routine.

The Nevada soldiers, along with soldiers from sister units in Wyoming and California, were dispersed throughout Afghanistan to provide a quick response to medical evacuation situations. As of late March, the unit had recorded 250 missions, and more than 50 percent were humanitarian missions that involved treating the civilian population.

"Our mission is to ensure injured soldiers receive the highest level of care and enable them to return to duty or return home and lead as normal a life as possible," said Chief Warrant Officer Jason Penrod, one of the unit's aero-medical evacuation pilots. "Never has an entire combat theater been covered with the level of care our air ambulance company provides."

"Every one of our aircraft that leaves the ground does so with the most advanced equipment available and at least one paramedic on board. This allows our fellow soldiers to receive the same quality care they would if they were picked up by an ambulance back home." ■

152nd Security Forces back from Kyrgyzstan

More than a dozen airmen from the Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Security Forces Squadron completed their six-month deployment to Kyrgyzstan in February.

The security forces airmen began their deployment in August 2008 and worked at Manas Air Base performing physical security at the U.S. base and airport. The Nevada airmen worked in conjunction with other airmen from Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, New York and Oklahoma. Manas Air Base is an important stopover for U.S. supplies and personnel headed to Afghanistan. ■

140th MPs return from Iraq

The 140th Military Police Brigade Liaison Detachment returned home to the Las Vegas Readiness Center January 23 to a drill floor filled with family, friends and media.

With Congresswoman Dina Titus and representatives from Sen. Harry Reid's and Gov. Jim Gibbons' offices in attendance, Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Cindy Kirkland welcomed home the soldiers of the 140th BLD and praised them for their selfless dedication and service.

The 140th deployed to Iraq for nearly a year and played a key role in detainee operations. The Nevada soldiers had a hand in the release of 16,000 prisoners and the transfer and movement of 35,000 others. One of the detachment's most important assignments was to inspect Iraqi and coalition prisons to ensure the facilities were following official policy and procedures for detainee operations.

Part of the 140th's mandate was to make sure everyone in the multi-national force in Iraq maintained prerequisite standards when dealing with detainees and prisoners of war.

Soldiers in the 140th BLD on the deployment included Lt. Col. Jeffrey Mark, Maj. Troy Armstrong, Maj. Shawn Casey, Capt. Robert Mays Jr., Capt. Patrick Walsh, Capt. Peter Fuller, 1st Sgt. Bud Chatten, Master Sgt. Ronald Morse, Staff Sgt. Omar Calderon, Sgt. Larry Harlan, and Sgt. Jennifer Ewing. ■

Gold medal drought over for Nevada biathlon team

Santillano first in women's sprint race



Sgt. Cirila Santillano skis to the first biathlon gold medal in Nevada National Guard history January 30 in Camp Ripley, Minn. She covered the 7.5-kilometer course in just over an hour.

Photo: Courtesy of Minnesota National Guard Public Affairs Office

Entering the 2009 biathlon season, the Nevada National Guard team's futile efforts in winning major competitions was on par with the Detroit Lions, Chicago Cubs and Washington Generals. In more than 30 years of National Guard competition, the team had never landed a gold medal at a regional or national race.

But that long history of biathlon ineptitude came to an abrupt end in January when Sgt. Cirila Santillano won the women's senior sprint race Jan. 30 in Camp Ripley, Minn., during the western regional competition.

Santillano, an aviation operations sergeant who is also a full-time human resources technician, covered the hilly 7.5-kilometer course that included both standing and prone marksmanship sessions in 1 hour, 14 seconds.

Two weeks after graduating from Hug High in Reno, Santillano enlisted in the Army. She transferred to the Nevada Army National Guard after nine years of active duty. That's when she was first drawn to Nordic skiing.

"My very first time on cross country skis was two years ago at the regional in Yellowstone," Santillano said. "It was a rough and cold start."

She's improved considerably since then.

"I wish I would have started Nordic skiing years ago," she said. "I'm hooked; skiing is definitely an activity that is a part of my life now. Even though biathlon is a very challenging sport, it is just as rewarding."

The top Nevada soldier in the men's race was Sgt. 1st. Class Erick Studenicka from Joint Force Headquarters. He finished ninth in the 10-kilometer sprint in 52 minutes, 17 seconds.

Santillano followed that regional performance with a fourth-place showing in the sprint race at the National Guard national biathlon on March 2 at the Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, Vt.

Studenicka, a Carson City resident, also turned in some decent performances at nationals with a 32nd place at 20K and 33rd place at 10K.

Nevada Guard Medical Detachment Spc. Bill Raitter also finished 41st in the 10K and 45th in the 20K at the national biathlon championships. Chief Warrant Officer Thomas McElroy finished in 43rd and 49th place respectively in the 10- and 20-K races.

Call Studenicka at 887-7250 if you wish to compete next December. ■

— From Staff and National Guard Bureau reports



Sgt. Cirila Santillano shoots during the standing portion of the women's sprint biathlon at Camp Ripley, Minn., January 30. She went on to earn the gold medal in the event.

Photo: Courtesy Minnesota National Guard Public Affairs Office

Predators, Reapers and 232nd call southern Nevada home

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Wendy Yada, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



CREECH AIR FORCE BASE – Although many people associate the Nevada Air Guard with its C-130s flying out of Reno, the High Rollers also have important operations ongoing at Creech and Nellis Air Force bases in southern Nevada.

The 232nd Operations Squadron is integrated at Creech with active duty squadrons of the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center and the active-duty 432nd Expeditionary Wing. The 232nd is a squadron of 65 airmen.

The majority of the 232nd airmen are unmanned aircraft system pilots, sensor operators, mission intelligence coordinators, and aircraft maintenance specialists.

The airframes they work on include the MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper aircraft. Training ranges from courses on intelligence, advanced tactics development, combat operations and other developmental programs.

Maj. Steve Wright, the simulation chief for the MQ-1 Predator, transferred to Nevada in 2005. His job entails developing and writing mission scenarios and monitoring simulator training. More than 50 percent of the initial training is accomplished with the simulator.

"Anyone who comes into this mission starts here," Wright said. "The mission of the 432nd Wing is to provide formal MQ-1 and MQ-9 training, and worldwide intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance.

"The personnel trained include active duty Air Force, Air

National Guardsmen from five other states, as well as coalition partners.

Nevada was the first state to have Air Guard personnel involved with the UAS mission."

Nevada Guardsmen detailed to the MQ-1 and MQ-9 combat squadrons support the war effort in both Iraq and Afghanistan through remote split operations. The RSO allows the squadrons to retain control of an unmanned vehicle – including the potential for weapons employment – 24 hours a day, seven days a week regardless of the location of the aircraft. A usual crew consists of a pilot, sensor operator and mission intelligence coordinator.

Staff Sgt. Stephen Erickson, a mission intelligence coordinator with the 232nd, explained what his job entails. A MIC coordinates with a supported unit on the ground and informs the RSO crew before and during a mission what to look for, what to expect, what type of surveillance is needed and other intelligence information.

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An Air Force maintenance crew of Nevada Guard and active duty airmen work on an MQ-1 Predator at Creech Air Force Base in late January. The Predator is an unmanned, remotely piloted aerial vehicle system that flies on a daily basis and performs both combat and noncombat missions.

SPOTLIGHT

232nd Operations Squadron

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Aircraft takeoffs and landings are conducted in the area of responsibility at Creech. Crewmembers have the opportunity to participate in launches and recoveries on a voluntary basis.

Approximately half of the 232nd is made up of communications and aircraft maintenance airmen.

"The majority are active Guard and reserve, and we have a handful of traditional Guardsmen and one technician," said Chief Master Sgt. Robert Stout, the 232nd's maintenance chief. "The guys are used to a high level of stress and are on a volunteer list that sees them deployed more often than normal Guard units."

Master Sgt. Marco Trejo and Staff Sgt. Brandon Upton of the 232nd are deployed in Afghanistan maintaining Predator aircraft.

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The 232nd, known as Detachment 1 at its inception, has performed MQ-1 and MQ-9 maintenance for four years. With that time under their belts, the Guard members have gained enough experience to become instructors for the 432nd's aircraft maintenance squadron.

"They have been here long enough to pass on that corporate knowledge," Stout said.

Stout added that the squadron experiences healthy manning numbers.

"I have no problem filling slots. As soon as I advertise a position, it gets filled immediately," Stout said. "We are running at 117 percent of our manning positions. If we could expand, we would." ■



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Simmons, 41, oldest brand-new soldier in Nevada Guard

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

RENO – She's already pretty confident what nickname she will receive from the drill sergeants at basic training.

But the inevitable jokes and kidding are not likely to deter Rhonda Simmons in her quest to complete basic training and advanced individual training this spring and finally become a full-fledged soldier. Enlisting on Dec. 11, 2008, at age 41 years, 134 days, Simmons is the oldest initial female enlistee in Nevada National Guard history. She is set to complete her 88M truck driver military occupation training just weeks before her 42nd birthday, the maximum age allowed for initial enlistees under current Army regulations.

Simmons said she felt as if she had received a second chance on a lost opportunity when she heard about the 2006 Army regulation that extended the maximum age of a new enlistee from 40 to 42.

"I always had a desire to join the military, but then I got intimidated and was talked out of it in high school," said Simmons at her first-ever drill at the Reception Company. "Then I got married and had a son. My 40th birthday passed and I thought I would never get a chance to join the military.

"Then I was super-excited to hear the age limit was raised to 42. I couldn't get it out of my mind to finally join. Life has its detours – I wasn't going to run out of time with this opportunity."

Simmons left for basic training February 25 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. After basic, she will attend 88M advanced individual training before joining her assigned unit, the 593rd Transportation Company.

Simmons' military occupation will closely mirror her civilian employment. She has been a freight driver for United Parcel Service for five years and is probably right when she says the tasks at AIT will not be as difficult as putting 150-pound chains on her UPS tractor trailer, by herself, on Donner Summit during a snowstorm.

Sgt. Richard Samson of the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, who enlisted Simmons into the Guard, has no qualms about her completing her initial training and performing her duties with the 593rd.

"She might be the oldest initial recruit we've had, but the bottom line is, she is going to be a great asset to her unit and the Nevada Guard," Samson said. "She is



Rhonda Simmons, 41, at her first Nevada Army Guard drill with the Reception Company on January 25, is the oldest initial female enlistee in Nevada National Guard history. She is set to complete advanced individual training in July and join the 593rd Transportation Company as a truck driver. Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

physically fit and intelligent, and her civilian work background is a perfect fit for the 593rd."

Simmons said she does have some "little fears" as she begins her Nevada Guard career, but the support of both her employer and family has helped her prepare for her foray into military life. She is married to architect Brady, and she has one son, Jonathan, 17.

"My son said 'You go, Mom!'" Simmons said. "Sometimes my family or co-workers will ask 'why now?' but they also realize I regretted not going into the military at an earlier age. Everyone supports my decision, and they are proud of my commitment."

The previous record for oldest female initial enlistee was held by Sgt. Oreana Henry of the Medical Detachment. Then-Pfc. Henry was 39 years, 353 days old when she enlisted in 2006 and 40 years, 210

days old when she completed all of her initial training in 2007.

Despite the fact she was the oldest female in her platoon, Henry sailed through basic training and recorded the highest physical fitness score in her company with 336 points on the extended scoring table.

When Simmons returns this summer as a full-fledged specialist, she promises to fit right in with the Nevada Guard crowd. She's a Harley-Davidson enthusiast and a member of the all-women's motorcycle club "The Desert Curves."

For now though, Simmons realizes it's time to leave the Harley in the garage and focus on her military training.

"It's going to be hard to keep up with the younger generation, but making it in the military has always been my desire," she said. ■

NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka



Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry, Gov. Jim Gibbons' representative Jan Brase, Brig. Gen. Robert Fitch, Command Chief Master Sgt. John Ternau and Maj. Glenn Gevert cut the ceremonial ribbon at the dedication of the 152nd Intelligence Squadron facility on February 19. The cost of the new facility was about \$16 million.

Photos: Sgt. Mike Getten

Intelligence squadron dedicates new \$16 million facility

RENO – The Nevada Air National Guard's 152nd Intelligence Squadron dedicated its new operations facility in a ceremony at the air base on February 19. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was followed by guided tours of the building.

Nevada Gov. Jim Gibbons and Sens. Harry Reid and John Ensign as well as other officials sent representatives to the ceremony. Brig. Gen. Robert Fitch, commander of the Nevada Air National Guard, was the featured speaker for the ceremony. In his comments, he expressed his gratitude for the efforts of the 152nd Intelligence Squadron in the Global War on Terrorism and complimented its new facility.

At a cost of \$16.8 million, the 36,150 square-foot, two-story facility quadruples the space previously occupied by the squadron. The old building was outdated in its technological, security and space requirements.

The physical construction of the facility started about a year ago. The squadron occupied the building and began operations last October.

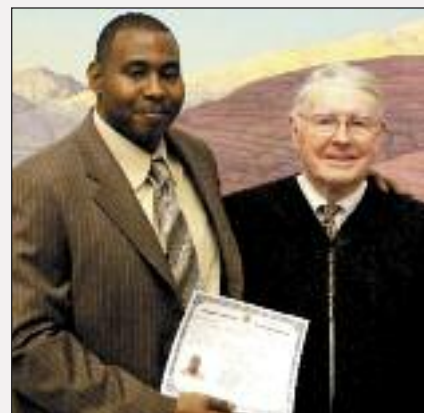
Signal soldier Hardy becomes U.S. citizen

LAS VEGAS – Friday the 13th doesn't always prove to be an unlucky day. For Spc. Anthony Hardy of the Nevada Army Guard's Charlie Company, 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, that usually unlucky day became a day he will remember forever. On Friday, March 13, 2009, Hardy became a citizen of the United States.

Hardy and his family moved from his native Panama in the early 1990s. After graduating from high school, Hardy joined the military in 1998 as a generator mechanic. He later cross trained and became a chemical operations specialist.

His path to citizenship, however, proved to be more difficult than learning two military specialties. Hardy applied to become a naturalized citizen several times, but deployments and other military duties slowed the process.

After nearly 10 years of trying, Hardy was able to complete all of the necessary steps toward citizenship, stand proudly before the judge in the federal courthouse in Las Vegas and take the oath of allegiance on March 13. His mother, sister and fellow soldiers from Charlie Company were on hand to witness the long-awaited day.



Spc. Anthony Hardy commemorates his new citizenship in a photo with U.S. District Judge Lloyd George on March 13 in Las Vegas. Photo: Sgt. Curtis Bond

Secretary of State receives Patriot Award

CARSON CITY — Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller was recognized March 23 with the Patriot Award by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization. Miller was nominated for the award by Capt. David Evans of the Army Guard's 72nd Military Police Company. Evans is an investigator with the Secretary of State's securities enforcement division.

"An award of this nature is an honor," Miller said. "More importantly, it's recognition of the support Capt. Evans has from all his fellow employees in the Secretary of State's office."

"We've seen a lot of employees step up and assume a few extra responsibilities to make Dave's service to our country possible. They deserve recognition, and I accept this award on their behalf and extend my thanks to all of them, as well as Dave and his entire unit."

The 72nd Military Police Company was in Iraq from November 2007 through September 2008.

ESGR was established in 1972 to gain and maintain employer support for reserve-component military service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflict through mediation.



Capt. David Evans, left, presents a flag flown in Iraq September 11, 2008, to Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller on March 23 in Carson City. Miller received the Patriot Award for his employer support of Evans during his recent deployment to Iraq. Photo: Courtesy ESGR

NGB chief declares 2009 'Year of NCO'

ARLINGTON, Va. — In a letter dated Feb. 2, Chief of the National Guard Bureau Gen. Craig McKinley declared 2009 the "Year of the Noncommissioned Officer" — a multifaceted initiative for enhancing and acknowledging NCO contributions to the Army.

In addition to involving the redesign of several institutions and programs, the Year of the NCO will prompt some major policy changes, such as authorizing the wearing of NCO rank insignia on the beret and the expansion of civilian education opportunities.

The orders and annexes produced in conjunction with the declaration total nearly 50 pages.

The document assigns specific tasks to field commands and staff agencies throughout the force in support of the program's four major objectives, which are

- The enhancement of the NCO educational system
- The enhancement of physical and mental fitness programs
- The enhancement of leadership skills
- The launch of several service pride initiatives that acknowledge the value of the NCO corps to the Army and the nation.

While work on the initiatives is underway, dates for implementation have not been announced.

Airmen can potentially cash in on reduced age retired pay

DENVER, Colo. — Air Reserve Personnel Center officials are finalizing procedures for validating the receipt of retired pay before National Guard airmen turn 60.

Since January 2008, National Guard airmen can reduce the age they receive retirement pay by three months for each aggregate of 90-day period of qualifying active duty served in any fiscal year, but they cannot receive retired pay before age 50.

Specific details are available online at www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=13467.

Citizen airmen who are approaching retirement and believe they are entitled to receive their pay early should call (800) 525-0102.

Top soldiers, airmen receive Westmoreland Chapter award

CARSON CITY — The Gen. William Westmoreland Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army recognized outstanding performances by members of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard during February. The top soldiers and airmen each received a letter of congratulations from retired Col. Jack Logan, president of the Westmoreland Chapter, and a check for \$100.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Alan Callanan presented the checks to Soldier of the Year Spc. Ryan Wagner of the 485th Military Police Company., Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Sgt. Samuel England of 1/221 Cavalry, and First Sergeant of the Year Robert Boldry of the 485th Military Police Company.

Retired Brig. Gen. Doug Byington presented an Air Guard award to Master Sgt. Thomas Quaranta, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Retired Lt. Col. Sharlee Smith presented a letter and check to Tech. Sgt. Jordan Clark, the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year — Command; and Callanan did the honors for Senior Airman Timothy Buxton, 2008 Airman of the Year.



Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Alan Callanan, center, gave Westmoreland Chapter awards to 1st Sgt. Robert Boldry, left, and Spc. Ryan Wagner on February 6 in Carson City. Photo: Courtesy of Westmoreland Chapter



AWARDS • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

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AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal



MSG Anthony Manginelli 1864th Transp Co
MAJ Dennis Fivecoat 3/140th S&S
SFC Joseph Gallegos 421st RTI
SFC Linda Lindsay JFHQ
SFC Bruce Combs JFHQ
1stLt Jami Cavins 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn

Air Force Commendation Medal



MSgt William Cranston 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
MSgt Paul Bright 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
MSgt Suzanne Connell 152nd Airlift Wing
SMSgt James Kenealy 152nd Airlift Wing
MSgt David Curtis 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
MSgt Robert Eastman 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
MSgt Ward Lacy 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
SSgt Jason Leggett 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
MSgt Michael Robinson 152nd Communications Flt
TSgt Oliver Miller 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
TSgt Jeffrey Linton 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SMSgt Jeffrey Annand 152nd Maint Grp
MSgt Brian Janes 152nd Maint Ops Flt
MSgt Mark Gonzalez 152nd Maint Sqdn
MSgt William Hartzler 152nd Maint Sqdn
MSgt Terrance Hunt 152nd Maint Sqdn
MSgt Gerald Dwyer 152nd Maint Sqdn
MSgt Paige Holman 152nd Maint Sqdn
MSgt Adam Hensley 152nd Maint Sqdn
MSgt Dennis Chanez 152nd Maint Sqdn
MSgt Robert Boody 152nd Maint Sqdn
SMSgt Erich Kolbe 152nd Maint Sqdn
SMSgt Clayton Gardner 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Paul Izzo 152nd Maint Sqdn
LtCol Shelly Assiff 152nd Mission Support Flt
TSgt Steven Givani 152nd Mission Support Flt
SMSgt Michael Arnold 152nd Ops Support Flt
TSgt Shaun Rahmeyer 152nd Ops Support Flt

Army Commendation Medal



SSG Donald Welch 485th MP Co
COL David Cantrell JFHQ
SSgt Eric Dahlgren 152nd Maint Sqdn
SGT David Forsyth HHT, 1/221st Cav
MAJ Heath Kelly 1864th Transp Co
SFC Scott Mathewson C Co, 422nd Sig Bn
SGT John George C Co, 422nd Sig Bn
SGT Eric Martell HHC, 422nd Sig Bn
SGT Christopher Degeiso HHC, 422nd Sig Bn
SFC Fouad Diallo 992nd Troop Cmd
SSG Luciana Irenze 992nd Troop Cmd
SPC Ronald Easton HHT, 1/221st Cav
SFC Michael Nelson HHT, 1/221st Cav

PFC Owen Christopher HHT, 1/221st Cav
1SG Douglas Perez HHT, 1/221st Cav
SGT Carlos Esparza I Trp, 1/221st Cav
SSG Chasity Orr JFHQ
SFC Michael Connell JFHQ
SFC Zachary McPherson JFHQ
SFC Teresa Dennington NVARNG Med Det

Air Force Achievement Medal



A1C Rueben Montero 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
SrA Mark Samaniego 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
SrA Anastasia Brown 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
SrA David Osborn 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
SSgt Kyle Carraher 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
SSgt Stanley Bragg 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
TSgt Michael Smith 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
TSgt Aaron Dawson 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
TSgt Clayton Brown 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
TSgt Elliott Morris 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
1stLt Jenelle Kimsey 152nd Airlift Wing
SrA Stephan Arzoian 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
SrA Thomas Kurkowski 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
SrA Emory Simons 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
SSgt Benjamin Guild 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
SSgt Jeffrey Mello 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Maj Sean Matthews 152nd Communications Flt
TSgt Xiomara Young 152nd Intel Sqdn
MSgt Cathy Eidman 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
MSgt Gina Kohl 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
MSgt Nancy Gran 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SrA Anthony Henry 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SrA Michael Taylor 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SrA Fransses Sanchez 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SSgt Terry Kots 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SSgt Gary Mireles 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SSgt Christopher Leblanc 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
TSgt Colleen Glynn 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
TSgt Jordan Bean 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
TSgt Shelley Schy 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
TSgt William Whalen 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
MSgt William Topken 152nd Maint Opns Flt
SrA Michael Faulkenberry 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Marcus Eisemann 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Kyle Weeden 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Ryan Pratt 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Ronald Hanselman 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Neil Robertson 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Peter Johnson 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Keoni Antolin 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Christopher Sperlin 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Michael Carr 152nd Maint Sqdn
SSgt Mark Jewell 152nd Maint Sqdn
SSgt Martin Rodriguez 152nd Maint Sqdn
SSgt Timothy Wahler 152nd Maint Sqdn
SSgt Thomas Henson 152nd Maint Sqdn
SSgt Jeromie Sandow 152nd Maint Sqdn

SSgt Benjamin Reynolds 152nd Maint Sqdn
SSgt Sean Raquepo 152nd Maint Sqdn
SSgt Rodney Bundy 152nd Maint Sqdn
SSgt Alexis Anastassatos 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Christopher Reyes 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Robert Malson 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Kevin Beal 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Kevin Horsch 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Christopher Jensen 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Richard Brant 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Seth Dextraze 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Linden Maples 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Brent Breese 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Tristan Cornett 152nd Maint Sqdn
SrA Katherine Mayne 152nd Services Flt
SrA Lea Pope 152nd Services Flt

Army Achievement Medal



SSG Justo Gonzalez 150th Maint Co
SPC Robert Sturms NVARNG Med Det

Order of Nevada



SGM John Hefner JFHQ

Nevada Medal of Merit



SrA Aaron Carl 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
1stLt Michael Steward 192nd Airlift Sqdn
1stLt Brooke Thomas 192nd Airlift Sqdn
2ndLt Shawn Trylick 232nd Ops Sqdn
A1C Elliroy Defiesta 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
A1C Andrew Peterson 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn

Nevada State Commendation Medal



A1C Amanda Puente 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Capt William Batiz 192nd Airlift Sqdn
Capt Jeff Bellato 192nd Airlift Sqdn
Capt Evan Kirkwood 192nd Airlift Sqdn
Capt Frank Magee 192nd Airlift Sqdn
Capt Brenda Lienke JFHQ
CMSgt Charles Davis 152nd Maint Ops Flt
CMSgt Robin Mocabee 192nd Airlift Sqdn
CMSgt William Moore 192nd Airlift Sqdn
LtCol Craig Wesner 152nd Mission Spt Grp
LtCol Ross Swezey 192nd Airlift Sqdn
Maj Jeffrey Zupon 192nd Airlift Sqdn
Maj Julie Dietrich 192nd Airlift Sqdn
Maj Robert Nicholas 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
MSgt John Sekora 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
MSgt Christopher Solberg 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn

MSgt Timothy Spencer . . . 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt David Tilley 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SGT Shayla Harding 137th MP Det
 SGT Kim Fasbender 1864th Transp Co
 PFC William Frias 1864th Transp Co
 SGT Lorenzo Aranda 72nd MP Co
 SFC David Hartsell HHT, 1/221st Cav
 MSgt James Lindsay 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Douglas Barron 152nd Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Robert Boody 152nd Maint Sqdn

Adjutant General's Outstanding Graduate Award



SGT Jose Contreras-Orozco 1/168th MEDEVAC
 SSG Justo Gonzalez 150th Maint Co
 SPC Andrew Wells HHC, 422nd Sig Bn
 SPC Brent Hall HHC, 422nd Sig Bn
 SGT Michael Wilson HHC, 422nd Sig Bn
 SSG Brian Stanton JFHQ
 SGT Heather Carlquist JFHQ
 SGT Lisa Ladner NVARNG Med Det
 SGT Ryan Davidson NVARNG Rec/Ret

Nevada Overseas Deployment Ribbon



MSgt David Calhoun 152nd Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Kathy Caudill 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 MSgt Dennis Chanez 152nd Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Christopher Cobb 152nd Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Jeffrey Goldsworthy 152nd Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Debra Graham 152nd Mission Spt Flt
 MSgt William Hartzler 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Burton Hestand 152nd Maint Ops Flt
 MSgt Paige Holman 152nd Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Pamela Kimberlin 152nd Mission Spt Flt
 MSgt Robert Marshall 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 MSgt David Raschen 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 MSgt Veronica Jasper 152nd Intel Sqdn
 MSgt Gregory Bartlett 152nd Intel Sqdn
 MSgt Daniel Nicholson 152nd Intel Sqdn
 MSgt John Albertson 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 MSgt David Hagler 152nd Communications Sqdn
 MSgt James Speth 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Charles Atkinson 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Michael Brown 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt David Curtis 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 CMSgt Richard Depaoli 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Raymond Fierro 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Billie Holm 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt David Hill 152nd Services Flt
 MSgt Kevin Bandoni 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SMSgt Corey Beattie 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 SMSgt Steve Bourquin 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 SMSgt Lorne Hall 152nd Operations Grp
 SMSgt James Kenealy 152nd Airlift Wing
 SMSgt Kevin Cralle 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SMSgt Billie Sexton 152nd Intel Sqdn
 SMSgt Robert Taulman 152nd Communications Sqdn
 SMSgt Michael Arnold 152nd Ops Support Flt
 SMSgt Charles Allen 152nd Mission Spt Grp
 SrA Stephan Arzoin 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SrA Patrick Pathamavanu 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSgt Paul Spencer 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SrA Donald Speth 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn

SSgt Barron Brooks 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SrA Jeannine Berryman 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SrA Joseph Agrellas 152nd Maint Sqdn
 SSgt Justin Chapel 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 SrA Michael Faulkenberry 152nd Maint Sqdn
 SSgt Jennifer Gehring 152nd Maint Sqdn
 SrA Anthony Henry 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SrA Peter Johnson 152nd Maint Sqdn
 SSgt John Magee 152nd Maint Sqdn
 LtCol Bart O'Toole 152nd Ops Spt Flt
 SrA Tyler Richards 152nd Maint Sqdn
 SSgt Christopher Schmitt 152nd Mission Spt Flt
 SSgt Rebecca Varnum 152nd Maint Sqdn
 SrA Catherine Ostermeyer 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SrA Ryan Phillips 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SrA Shamika Webb 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SrA Kristofer Whetzel 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SrA Aaron Carl 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSgt William Duggins 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSgt Kelly Gannon 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSgt Timothy Hill 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSgt Joseph McKee 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSgt Paul Torrianni 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Ronald Owen 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt Milton Robertson 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt Dominic Tanzi 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSgt Christopher Henrich 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 TSgt Christa Morter 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 SSgt Lewis Roberts 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 SSgt Joel Derouchey 152nd Communications Flt
 SSgt Adam Koehler 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SSgt Robert Riley 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SSgt David Smith 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SSgt Annette Soria 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SSgt Stacy Walters 152nd Maint Sqdn
 SSgt Michael King 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SSgt Larry Moen 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 TSgt Timothy Daniels 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt David Fruchey 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt Christopher Geraci 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
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 TSgt Steven Irwin 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Adam Liby 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt Lancer Maciel 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 SSgt Adam Koehler 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 SSgt Amy Short 152nd Mission Spt Grp
 SSgt Michael Mathews 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn

SMSgt Robert Montgomery 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Michael Nelan 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Timothy Ng 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt Sean O'Brien 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt James Riger 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt James Speth 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt Kimberly Bledsaw 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 TSgt Aaron Dawson 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
 TSgt Roberto Fabela 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 TSgt Thomas Hansen 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 TSgt Joseph Henle 152nd Maint Grp
 TSgt Ryan Hysell 152nd Maint Sqdn
 TSgt Paul Izzo 152nd Maint Sqdn
 TSgt Jeffrey Linton 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 TSgt Linden Maples 152nd Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Todd Nylaan 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 TSgt Paul Ochs 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 TSgt Shawn Plunket 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 TSgt Christopher Reyes 152nd Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Chester Sergeant 152nd Ops Spt Flt
 TSgt Nathan Steiner 192nd Airlift Sqdn
 TSgt James Wallis 152nd Maint Sqdn
 MSgt Brandon Renfro 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 TSgt Erik Eigenman 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 MSgt Jesse Jennings 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 TSgt Michael Landsberry 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
 MSgt Kevin Bandoni 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Christopher Barber 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Andree Burdette-Newman 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt Rafael Chelli 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 MSgt David Hansen 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn

Nevada Honor Guard Ribbon



TSgt Steven Hickey 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt Michael Krysztof 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn

Nevada Recruiting Ribbon



TSgt Michael Krysztof 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt Robert Sandoval 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
 TSgt Timothy Mader 232nd Ops Sqdn



PROMOTIONS

COL/Col

Ondra Berry JFHQ
Leslie Gonzalez JFHQ

LTC/LtCol

Clayton Chappell JFHQ

MAJ/Maj

Amy Klima JFHQ
Karsten Hall NVARNG Rec/Ret

CPT/Capt

Scott Sosebee 152nd Ops Support Flt
Peter Fuller 140th MP Det
Kirk Anderson 92nd CST
Scott Adair HHT, 1/221st Cav

1LT/1stLt

Amanda Barnes 152nd Intel Sqdn
George Caddel 1/168th MEDEVAC
Michael Moya K Trp, 1/221st Cav

2LT/2nd Lt

Alexis Anasstassatos 192nd Airlift Sqdn
Gregory Green 192nd Airlift Sqdn
Oliver Miller 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Reina Sarabia 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Aaron Washington 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Dillon Sauer 1/189th Aviation
Tyler Wade 1/221st Cavalry
Marissa Sissney 150th Maint Co
Richard Cohen HHC, 422nd Sig Bn
Jason Rapp HHC, 422nd Sig Bn
Michael Riggs 150th Maint Co
Chad Aitken JFHQ
Ashwin Gowda JFHQ
Richard Howes JFHQ
Jeremy Manuele JFHQ
Daniel Salus JFHQ
Deborha Staten JFHQ
Marina Johnson NVARNG Med Det

CW4

David Anderson 3/140th S&S
Brandon Hose 3/140th S&S

CW2

Daniel Jones 1/168th MEDEVAC
Stephen Schlang Det 54 OSA

W01

Brandon Dewhurst 1/189th Aviation
Curtis Wood 240th Vertical Const Co
David Jackson JFHQ

CSM/SGM/CMSgt

Steven Gilbert 152nd Maint Sqdn
Mark Prizina 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Robert Taulman 152nd Comm Flight
John Bersalona 1/221st Cavalry

1SG/MSG/SMSgt

Mark Bailey 152nd Medical Group
Jennifer Turner JFHQ

Paul Bright 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Jeffrey Goldsworthy 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Steven Graham 152nd Comm Flt
Martin Meinhardt 152nd Mission Support Flt
Thomas Wainscoat 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Douglas Perez 1/221st Cavalry

SFC/MSgt

Rafael Chelli 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Timothy Ng 152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Robert Marshall 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Glen Stebbins 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Jason Campbell 152nd Comm Flt
Roy Drew 232nd Ops Sqdn
Jesse Jennings 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Brandon Renfro 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Chester Sergeant 152nd Ops Support Flt
Joseph Loader 1/168th MEDEVAC
Lyle Sam 593rd Transportation Co
Elbie Doege 421st RTI
Gloria Rems JFHQ
Jeremiah Mock NVARNG Rec/Ret

SSG/TSgt

David Colburn 152nd Ops Sqdn
Jason Fritz 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Kimberly Whetzel 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Jarrett Miner 232nd Ops Sqdn
Christa Morter 192nd Airlift Sqdn
John Deavila 152nd Medical Grp
Joseph Puertos 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Edward Emerson C Co, 422nd Sig Bn
Jacob Meier 100th Quartermaster Co
Joseph Edwards 3/140th S&S
Richard Wayrynen 3/140th S&S
Travis Higgins 777th Forward Support Co
David Wetters 150th Maintenance Co
Krystle Voris 72nd MP Co
Tiffany McKimmy JFHQ
Ryan Bongiovanni L Trp, 1/221st Cav
Samuel England L Trp, 1/221st Cav

SGT/SSgt

Jon Cumings 152nd Intel Sqdn
Eugene Houston 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Michael King 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Christina Miller 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Chris Rittenbach 152nd Comm Flt
Mark Salinas 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Christopher Schmitt 152nd Maint Sqdn
Aaron Washington 152nd Intel Sqdn
Kyle Weeden 152nd Maint Sqdn
Michael Yahne 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
Nicholas Langton 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Carlos Riano 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Michael Ente 152nd Services Flt
Jeimy Martinez 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
David Gallagher 1/221st Cavalry
Anthony Sandoval 1/221st Cavalry
Alfonso Vargas-Guerra 1/221st Cavalry
Michael Ford 100th Quartermaster Co
Anthony Gratz 100th Quartermaster Co
Chad Harrison 100th Quartermaster Co
Esequiel Hernandez 100th Quartermaster Co

Heather Ibarra 100th Quartermaster Co
Elissa Krizmanich 100th Quartermaster Co
Reynaldo Mercedes 100th Quartermaster Co
David Paxton 150th Maint Co
Michael Xavier 150th Maint Co
Michael Flood 1864th Trans Co
John Ford 1864th Trans Co
Paul Kelly 1864th Trans Co
Justin Strong 1864th Trans Co
Robert Andersen 1864th Trans Co
Jonathan Tucker 240th Vertical Const Co
Ryan Oroflo C Co, 422nd Sig Bn
Ivana Williams C Co, 422nd Sig Bn
Igor Shatalov HHC, 422nd Sig Bn
Jeremiah McPherson 485th MP Co
James Schulz 485th MP Co
James Cappini 593rd Trans Co
Richard Catlin 593rd Trans Co
Gabriel Brown 72nd MP Co
Joseph Casey 72nd MP Co
Brandon Clutts 72nd MP Co
Chad Cruse 72nd MP Co
Rafael Gonzalez 72nd MP Co
Wessley Gonzalez-Ochoa 72nd MP Co
Thomas Grande 72nd MP Co
Guilebaldo Nieto 72nd MP Co
Glenn Rigdon 72nd MP Co
Joshua Soriano 72nd MP Co
Kristopher Anderson 777th Engineer Det
David Tole 991st Troop Cmd
Ashlea Hawk 150th Maint Co
Timothy Jeffers 150th Maint Co
Richard Rohweder 593rd Trans Co
Mark Vandolah 72nd MP Co
John Meter 593rd Trans Co
Lynette Kruger JFHQ
Nicholas Gerace K Trp, 1/221st Cav
Andrew Smith L Trp, 1/221st Cav
Walter Romero-Mejia NVARNG Training Site Det

CPL

Christian Cale 609th Engineer Co

RETIREMENTS

SFC Robert J. Bordeaux 72nd MP Co
CMSgt William A. Cribbs 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SGT Joseph D. Davis 593rd Transp Co
SFC Joseph P. Gallegos 421st RTI
SFC Michael R. Kennedy 421st RTI
MSgt Robert L. Kluck 152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
MSgt James A. Lorenz JFHQ
MSgt Michael K. Moore 152nd Maint Sqdn
TSgt Wayne Pustovrh 152nd Log Readiness Sqdn
SFC Timothy N. Stanton 593rd Transp Co
SGT Blanca E. Taylor 1864th Transp Co
CMSgt Thomas J. Williams 152nd Maint Sqdn
MSgt Kevin J. Robinson 152nd Maint Sqdn

ENLISTMENTS

192nd Airlift Sqdn
Christopher Rosati

1/168th MEDEVAC
Kathleen Aboussleman

1/189th Aviation
Dillon Sauer
Brandon Dewhurst
Angelina Walker
Matthew Wargo

1/221st Cavalry
Brennen Ivy
Keith Johnson
Matthew Donofrio
Nathan Hamilton
Matthew Jarzen
Kelly Guenon
Kyle Barreca
Cody Minton
Tyler Young
Jacob Wadsworth
Christopher Frietas
James McCalister
Jeffrey Deitch
David Upton
Willie Sosa
William Hollman
Julian Batz
Anthony Sandoval
Julio Huaman
Kenneth Johnson
James Martyn
Bradley Johnson
Jorge Solis
Jesse Ochoa
Tyler Wade
Douglas Gahm
Corey Patterson
Scott Pederson
Alfonso Vargas-Guerra
Jacob Fisher

100th Quartermaster Co
Jonathan Ford
Alexander Lopez
Albina Karimova
Elizabeth Watkins
Rhona Nath
Adam Ortiz
Paul Pace
Andrew Troche
Jeffery Thake
Gina Tassler
Michael Yanez
Tacy Woodhams
Kyla Furtado
Bryan Cotton
Scott Miller
Jessica Flynn
David Lehman

Randy Sullivan
Saree Allen
Britainie Lewis
Christopher Sutton
Esequiel Hernandez
Reynaldo Mercedes
Joshua Bowen
Scott Walker
Roger Newman
Charmaine Diamond
Michael Marschner-Coyne
Chad Harrison

137th MP Det
Ryann Preece

150th Maintenance Co
Brandon Ortiz
Marissa Sissney
David Gardiner
Antone Mendes
Roger Kluthe
Jason Saing
Kelly Tucker
Justin Canniff
Daniel Zaldivar
Marquis Armstrong
David Wetters
Rodrigo Marquez
Kolan Glass
Michael Riggs
Mark Mendoza
Dominic Ruiz

152nd Aircraft Maint Sqdn
Frank Zuniga
Jonathan Rampton

152nd Airlift Wing
Steven Snyder

152nd Civil Engineer Sqdn
Logan Ingersoll

152nd Intelligence Sqdn
Jessica Reed
Amberley Dorrell

152nd Logistics Readiness Sqdn
Dustin Mayhew
Michael Schwind
Cassandra Kenyon

152nd Maintenance Sqdn
Darrell Lacaden
Thomas Kinney

152nd Maintenance Operations Flt
Phillip Rivera
Merridy Stephenson
Raphael Gray

152nd Medical Grp
Leslie Drew
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